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Serial No. 09/537,775

Filed March 29, 2000

For PROTECTION SWITCHING METHOD
AND APPARATUS FOR PASSIVE
OPTICAL NETWORK SYSTEM

Group Art Unit 2662

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Amendments to the Specification: There are no amendments to the specification in this paper.

Amendments to the Claims: Amendments to the claims are indicated by the notation "currently amended" in the listing of claims beginning on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings: In a separate letter, new sheets of drawing for Figures 24 and 26 bearing the legend –PRIOR ART– are being submitted.

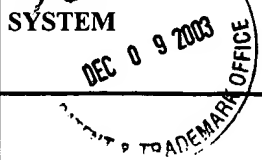
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